"THE FAMOUS TWENTY MULE BORAX TEAMS" were operated by the pacific coast Borax Company, transporting borax from the Harmony and Eagle Borax Works, Death Valley to Mojave, California, a distance of 165 miles.

Each wagon, weighing 7800 lbs., carrying ten tons of Borax and a tank wagon carrying 1200 gallons of water, were the highest development of transportation by wagons drawn by animals. The combined weight of each caravan, two wagons and tank trailer, was approximately 60,000 lbs.

They were operated by two men, a "mule skinner" and a "swamper." The mules were controlled by a single "jerk line," 120 feet feet long, which conveyed by jerks, commands from the driver to the "nigh leaders."

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